



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Marc Mezard

Riccardo Zecchina

Serial No.: 10/606,275

Filed: June 25, 2003

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS USING  
CONSTRAINED DISCRETE  
VARIABLES

Group Art Unit: 2876

Examiner: Unknown

Atty. Dkt. No.: CHEP:008US

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING  
37 C.F.R. 1.8**

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December 30, 2003

Date

David D. Bahler

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO  
NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 2003**

**MS MISSING PARTS**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of one month to and including January 11, 2004 in which to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated September 11, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$1682.00 is enclosed, which includes the process fee (\$420.00) for a two month extension of time.

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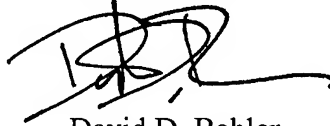
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D. Bahler", written over a horizontal line.

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